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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, the shortened period for response to which will expire on May 5, 2004. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Group I, Species I, drawn to a layout of a memory device depicted in Fig. 1, without traverse. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 13, 14, 17, 20-22, 30, 31, 33-37 and 39 pertain to the elected group.